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SUBJ: SECVISIT: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IN PANAMA

1. SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT FEBRUARY 7 SUGGESTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS FOLLOWS:

1200 SECRETARY AND PARTY ARRIVE ABOARD USAF AIRCRAFT
1210 DEPART VIA MOTORCADE FOR PRESIDENCIA.
1230 ARRIVE AT PRESIDENCIA FOR INFORMAL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PRESIDENT LAKAS (GUEST LIST TO BE PROVIDED IN SEPARATE MESSAGE).
1350 DEPART PRESIDENCIA FOR LEGISLATIVE PALACE.
1400 ARRIVE AT LEGISLATIVE PALACE FOR SIGNING CEREMONY AND SPEECHES.
1445 SIGNING CEREMONY CONCLUDES AND INVITED GUESTS (PROMINENT LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND PANAMANIANS) WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SECRETARY.
1530 MOTOR TOUR OF PANAMA CITY ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL TORRIJOS.
1700 ARRIVE AT U.S. EMBASSY FOR MEETING WITH STAFF.
1715 DEPART EMBASSY FOR TOCUMEN AIRPORT.
1745 DEPART PANAMA FOR WASHINGTON.

2. TENTATIVE SCENARIO FOR SCHEDULE GIVEN ABOVE FOLLOWS:
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3. THE FOLLOWING HIGH RANKING PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS WILL GREET THE SECRETARY AT TOCUMEN AIRPORT: BRIGADIER GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS, CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMANDER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD; JUAN ANTONIO TACK, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; NICOLAS GONZALEZ REVILLA, PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.; AND AMBASSADOR JOSE MANUEL WATSON, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. AMBASSADOR WATSON WILL BOARD THE PLANE TO GREET THE SECRETARY AND ACCOMPANY HIM IN DEBARKING U.S. AMBASSADOR ROBERT M. SAYRE WILL INTRODUCE THE SECRETARY TO THE PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS. A NATIONAL GUARD HONOR GUARD WILL BE PRESENT BUT THERE WILL BE NO REVIEWING CEREMONY. PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL HAVE AN AREA FROM WHICH THEY CAN PHOTOGRAPH THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL. NO INTERVIEWS OR ARRIVAL STATEMENTS ARE PLANNED. CARS WILL BE READY NEAR AIRCRAFT FOR IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE.

4. THE LUNCHEON AT 1230 WILL BE HOTED BY PRESIDENT DEMETRIO LAKAS AT THE PRESIDENCIA. IT WILL BE INFORMAL AND THE NUMBER OF GUESTS LIMITED. ON THE PANAMANIAN SIDE IT WILL BE LIMITED TO LAKAS, TORRIJOS, AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ REVILLA, FOREIGN MINISTER TACK AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET. THE U.S. GUESTS WILL BE: THE SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR SAYRE, AMBASSADOR BUNKER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISH, MOREY BELL AND ACCOMPANYING SENTARORS. THE PANAMANIANS ARE AWAITING NAMES OF SENATORS BEFORE PREPARING FINAL GUEST LISTS. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CABLE NAMES OF SENATORS.

5. REMAINDER OF SECRETARY'S PARTY IS INVITED TO A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR WATSON AT PLACE YET TO BE DETERMINED (EITHER EL PANAMA HOTEL OR EL SENORIAL RESTAURANT).

6. AT 1350 THE SECRETARY AND PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS DEPART FOR THE LEGISLATIVE PALACE FOR THE SIGNING CEREMONY. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL THE SECRETARY WILL BE SEATED AT A TABLE WITH 12-15 U.S. AND GOP OFFICIALS. THEN THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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READ IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH GOVERNMENT. THE SECRETARY WILL THEN SPEAK (15 MINUTES ARE SCHEDULED). THEN FOREIGN MINISTER TACK WILL SPEAK BRIEFLY. FOLLOWING THE STATEMENTS SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER TACK PROCEED TO A SMALLER TABLE AND SIGN THE ENGLISH AND SPANISH VERSIONS OF THE AGREEMENT. THEY WILL BE ASSISTED BY ONE OFFICIAL OF EACH GOVERNMENT---AMBASSADOR SAYRE

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AND AMBASSADOR WATSON. SEATING AT TABLE WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER THE COMPOSITION AND RANK ORDER OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY IS KNOWN. THOSE U.S. OFFICIALS PRESENT WHO ARE NOT SEATED AT THE MAIN TABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED SEATS NEARBY. APPROXIMATELY 400 PROMINENT PANAMANIAN BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS AND LEADERS OF U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR WILL BE SEATED AS GUESTS IN THE GALLERY. PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE IN SPECIAL GALLERIES ON BOTH SIDES OF FLOOR WHERE THE SIGNING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD.

7. THE CEREMONY WILL END ABOUT 1445. THE PANAMANIANS HAVE SCHEDULED NO RECEPTION; HOWEVER TIME WILL BE ALLOWED - ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR - FOR THE SECRETARY TO MINGLE WITH THE GUESTS.

8. AT ABOUT 1515, GENERAL TORRIJOS WILL TAKE THE SECRETARY AND THOSE OF HIS PARTY WHO ATTEND THE PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON ON A TOUR OF KEY POINTS IN PANAMA CITY ALONG BORDERS OF THE CANAL ZONE. TOUR WILL LAST UNTIL 1700 HOURS WHEN THE SECRETARY AND TORRIJOS ARRIVE AT THE EMBASSY FOR A FEW MINUTES VISIT WITH THE EMBASSY STAFF PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR TOCUMEN AIRPORT. DURING THE ENTIRE VISIT THE SECRETARY IS INVITED TO ACCOMPANY GENERAL TORRIJOS IN THE GENERAL'S CAR.

9. THIS SCHEDULE HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED BY THE SECRET SERVICE. AFTER THEY REVIEW IT FEBRUARY 4 A FINAL SCHEDULE WILL BE CABLED TO DEPARTMENT.
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